



**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill  
St Mary ▪ Whickham  
St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston**

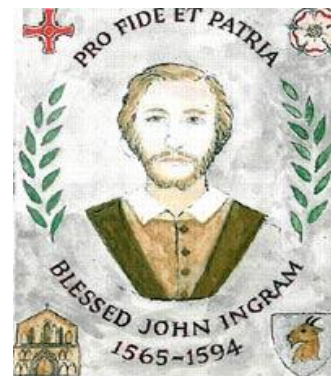
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The John Ingram Partnership  
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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**29 September 2024**

**Twenty Sixth Sunday of The Year**

**Year B**

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**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 28 September - 6 October 2024**

<b>Saturday 28 September</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Frances Rose O'Donnell (dec.)
<b>Sunday 29 September</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Private Intention (MT)
<b>Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year (B)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 30 September <i>St Jerome</i>			
Tuesday 1 October <i>St Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>			<i>N.B. No Weekday Masses</i>
Wednesday 2 October <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>			
Thursday 3 October			
Friday 4 October <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>			
<i>CAFOD Family Fast Day</i>			
<b>Saturday 5 October</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 6 October</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Deceased Members of Doran Family
<b>Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year (B)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Deceased Members of Jukes & Tate Family

**Weekday Readings**

*Ordinary Time Week 26 Year 2*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Pauline Mulholland who died recently. The Requiem Mass for Pauline will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Tuesday 15 October at 10.00am followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK** Harry Attrill, Veronica Coleman, Ann Crompton, John Jukes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Bill Martin, Frank McCoy, Cheryl Anne McDonald, Nora Miller, Margaret Murphy, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Tony Richardson,

*If you or any members of your family are going into hospital and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain, please ask a member of the ward staff to let the Catholic Chaplain know. For the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, you can contact the Chaplaincy Department Office directly, tel. 0191 445 2072 (Catholic Chaplain: Revd Paul Nichol). For the RVI and Freeman Hospitals in Newcastle, tel. 0191 233 6161 (Catholic Chaplain: Fr Mariadass 0191 273 3903).*

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** is this coming Friday 4 October and is a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World. **CAFOD envelopes are available if you wish to make a financial contribution to their invaluable work throughout the world.** We pray for Justice and Peace in the world, especially on this Family Fast Day. For more information, please visit [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**NEW PARISH APPOINTMENTS** Bishop Stephen has asked Canon Peter to become Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Byermoor in addition to his current responsibilities as Parish Priest of the Parish of Our Lady and St Philip Neri. Bishop Stephen is also appointing Fr Endre Kormos as Assistant Priest for the Parishes of Our Lady and St Philip Neri and Sacred Heart, Byermoor.

#### **FOOD BANK & REFUGEE UPDATE**

**We welcome ALL non perishable produce - even if you can only bring along 1 or 2 tins please bring them along to church to help out but monetary donations are also very much appreciated.**

**SHORT SUPPLY - UHT milk, tinned soup, custard, feminine hygiene - (towels & tampons), toilet rolls.**

**OTHER priority items - tinned garden peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes, rice pudding, fruit, chopped tomatoes, baked beans, meatballs, hotdogs, meat (corned beef, pek), pasta sauce, dried pasta, long grained rice, tomato purée, laundry powder/liquid, shower gel, shampoo, antiperspirant, toothpaste, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, cooking oil, biscuits, teabags, sugar, coffee.**

**Other items we put into the monthly food bags, especially for the refugee project, - tinned chickpeas & kidney beans.**

Every Thursday volunteers are in Immaculate Heart church between 9.30 -10.30 so parishioners can drop donations off here if they wish - please come in to say 'Hello!' and see what we're up to. Any queries please contact Katie Wilkinson, 1 Mayfield, Whickham either via mobile 07837 386760 or email [teachkate1@gmail.com](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com)

#### **FOOD BANK CHANGES**

Thank you all so much for your continued kind and generous donations to this outreach work that the Parish provides to others requiring extra support - it could not exist without your support. You may remember, in previous newsletters the Parish Finances article indicated that £13,000+ was held in the parish current account for our various outreach projects and special collections. However, to clarify, at the end of August the Food Bank's share stood at just over £2000. As food donations have decreased it has become necessary to purchase more food which is costing between £350-£500 per week, approximately £1300 per month. This level of spending is unsustainable as the monthly monetary donations to the food bank amount to around £700 per month. As a result the volunteers have had to respond to this decline by reducing the amount of food items given to the families which the parish supports. Can we please ask that parishioners, who have not previously engaged with this outreach work, to consider donating just 1 or 2 items per week - as every little helps and ultimately this will make a big difference to those in need. To those parishioners who regularly support the food bank please note we have taken the decision to only provide essential food items therefore we will no longer be providing sweets, crisps, squash, jam, mayonnaise, ketchup & gravy granules. We ask that you focus upon buying essential items only please and for your information there will be a list at the back of each church.

**RED MISSION BOXES** are now due to be emptied. Money can be given to Lilian Gray at Immaculate Heart and St Mary's or Denise Hebron at St Philip Neri. Copies of *Mission Today Autumn 2024* are now available and the magazine can also be read online by visiting the Mission website:

<https://missio.org.uk/mission-today/> Please contact Lilian Gray on 07717 853685 or [liliangray@sky.com](mailto:liliangray@sky.com) if you have any queries.

#### **GIFT FOR LIFE - MAKING AN EVEN BIGGER DIFFERENCE**

Thank you to everyone for your on-going support for *Gift for Life*. We are continuing to support The Little Sisters of St Francis in Kenya and Balamma Satram in India as well as the Justice and Peace Refugee Project here in our own Diocese. Indeed, we have been able to provide an extra £500 to India and Kenya recently – and £100 extra to the Refugee Project. Also, due to the success of the '100 Club', we are now in a position to offer one or two small grants (maximum of £500) to organisations and projects that meet certain criteria and support the most vulnerable and desperate in society. Any applications for these grants will need a proposer from within our parish community. For full details and an application form please contact [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com) . Watch this space for news about the **Gift for Life '100 Club'** for the coming year - which will start at the beginning of December. Thank you again, your contributions are making a huge difference.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 October in Immaculate Heart Church at 1.30pm. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting (the patterns are easy, and wool can be provided) or if you are interested in what we hope to do with this ministry, please come along. All are welcome! For further information, please contact Joan McCoy tel. 0191 488 4395.

**ANN TATE RIP** Ann's family would like to thank the Parish for their sympathy, compassion and prayers shown to them after the death of Ann. Particular thanks to Canon Peter and all who contributed to Ann's Funeral reinforcing the Parish as a Family. Thank you to everyone for the generous contributions of £600 collected at the Funeral. This will be donated to the Cardiology Unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

**FLAME 2025 takes place on Saturday 15 March.** The theme is '**UNSTOPPABLE. FAN THE FLAME OF HOPE**'. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with your school chaplain, catechist or parish priest if you would like to come along. Two years ago, over 700 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults). **COST: £45** per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). The cost has been generously subsidised by Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. For further information contact [mary.hughes@ymt.org](mailto:mary.hughes@ymt.org)

## FIRST STEPS 2024 - EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Are you someone, or do you know someone, who is wondering about their relationship with God and not sure where to start? Welcome to First Steps! Join Deacon Shaun and the First Steps team on a journey this autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you, and it may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly online via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. This programme is for people new to the faith and to anyone accompanying them on their journey in faith. Starts on Wednesday 2 October at 7pm for 8 weeks. (First Steps is not an RCIA programme, but we can offer guidance to anyone wishing to continue their Journey in faith). You can register here: <https://bit.ly/DHNFirstSteps>

**VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT** Men aged 18+, who think God might be calling them to serve in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle as a Priest, are invited to explore their vocation with the Diocesan Priestly Vocations Team. Meetings take place each month between 18.00 and 20.00 at St Joseph's Church, Thorneyholme Terrace, Stanley. The next meetings will be on: Tuesday 1 October, Tuesday 5 November and Tuesday 3 December. If you would like more information, please contact the Vocations Promoter, Fr Shaun Purdy by email: [vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk) or telephone: 01207 299012.

### Jen's Weekly Prayer

Once again the glowing season of autumn is with us. We are twice entranced as the amber, scarlet, burnt orange, yellow, copper and multiple shades of green fall across our paths. The sunlight shining upon them as they twirl and float transforming them into pieces of stained glass, our natural world delighting us once again. These are soft and comforting visions before us and we value their uniqueness, a sharp contrast to the piercing flame, bright bursts of bombs, falling buildings hurling to the ground as conflict continues, its harsh and unrelenting march, bringing pain, anguish, fear and suffering to so many vulnerable people. May the soft beams of the light of healing peace replace these harrowing moments for those suffering across the world and grant the seeds of hope to spring forth and bear the fruits of love and compassion where there is division, conflict and unrest.

*Jen Jones @ September 2024*

**BLESSED JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP** The clergy and lay representatives of our John Ingram Partnership meet regularly to look at ways that the Catholic Community in our local area can work together and support each other.

At our September meeting we were pleased to welcome Canon Martin Stempczyk, who is now at St Patrick's and St Alban's Parishes. We wish him well in his new role and look forward to working with him in the Partnership. We wish Canon Ian Patterson and Deacon Tom Rooke well in their retirements and are grateful for all they have done in their many years of service to our communities.

We were joined by three students from different parishes who all attend our Partnership Secondary School, Cardinal Hume School, together with their Chaplain Mrs Proctor and the Deputy Head Mr Jones. The students told us about the impact of *The Source* on their lives. (The Partnership had funded a coach to transport the young people to and from this event, which was held at St Mary's Cathedral in March.) Mrs Proctor then described the impact of The Flame Event of 2023, a national Catholic youth gathering held in London.

The Partnership has a Joint Partnership Fund, to which each parish contributes an agreed percentage of their income to support Partnership Projects. This fund is being used to pay the rental for our Partnership project, Joe's Place and to cover the cost of the RCIA. We also agreed to fund a coach for the young people to go to the Source which will be held in November. The young people will contribute to this cost.

The Bishop had written to Clergy and Partnership Chairs telling them about the next Flame Congress to be held in March 2025. He will be accompanying the Diocesan group and encouraged Partnerships to offer to pay upfront for a group of 42 young people. The costs for tickets and transport must be paid in November 2024, so paying upfront will allow the young people more time to pay. Our Partnership will meet the upfront cost for 42 people, and this will be paid back by March.

We also heard about the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of Joe's Place and the visit from the Bishop, which was reported in the Northern Cross. Thanks were given for the continued donations of food, which feeds 80-100 people every week. Information leaflets about Joe's Place were distributed to all at the meeting. If you are interested in finding out more about the Partnership, please speak to your Parish Priest or Parish Representative.

**DIOCESAN VACANCY** The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following vacancy:

**Deputy Director of Education** - Full-time, term-time. Closing date: 1 October. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

**SAFEGUARDING** *The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocesan policies and procedures at all times. Each of our churches has a Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) indicated on the Safeguarding posters in each church - Angela Bell (Immaculate Heart), Bernadette Salmon & Joe Wheatley (St Mary's), Denise Hebron (St Philip Neri). Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 243 3305 or [safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)*

**First Reading***Numbers 11:25-29*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 18:8. 10. 12-14. R/v.9*

***R/ The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.***

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.
3. So in them your servant finds instruction;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me.
4. From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin.

**Second Reading***James 5:1-6*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them - listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***John 17:17*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel***Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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